

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 23, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PADDOCK, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 11582.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11582) granting a pension to Elizabeth M. Hollingsworth, widow of Noah Hollingsworth, late a private in Company A, Eighth Iowa Cavalry Volunteers, have examined the same, and report:

The facts in this case are correctly stated in the appended House report, and is concurred in by this committee.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11582) granting a pension to Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hollingsworth, submit the following report.

The husband of claimant, Noah Hollingsworth, was a private soldier in Company A, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, who died while in the service, in 1863. The claimant, his widow, was on the pension roll until 1868, at which time she remarried. The facts set forth in the evidence clearly indicate that her remarriage was a fraudulent one. Claimant in her allegations, which is corroborated by other witnesses, makes affidavit that a man known as Josiah Trague engaged her to do his washing and sewing, by which means she was occasionally thrown into his company; that the said Trague was a good converser and made himself very agreeable to her, and by his flattery induced her to marry him on a short acquaintance of only 3 months; that very soon after her remarriage it became evident that Trague had married her for the purpose of getting hold of what little property she possessed. Claimant mildly remonstrated, at which he became very abusive and in less than 2 months after their marriage Trague took her mare, worth \$200, and left for parts unknown.

After Trague's departure claimant learned from four different parties that he, Trague, had several living wives. Several years after, claimant was informed that Trague was living with a Spanish woman in Lower California. Claimant made application and was granted a decree of divorce by the district court in Labette County, Kans., in the year 1873. A certificate of the clerk of the circuit court of Vermillion County, Ind., shows that claimant was married to Noah Hollingsworth, the deceased soldier, February 3, 1846. She is now old and without means of support, and is shown to have the confidence and respect of the community where she resides.

Your committee report favorably and recommend the passage of the bill.